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| For: ELECTRIC BRAKE APPARATUS | ) |                          |
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004 (Paper No. 20040415). In the Office Action, the Examiner identified five distinct species. The Examiner required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect a single species for prosecution. The five species identified by the Examiner are:

- I) Species 1 of Figs. 1 and 2;
- II) Species 2 of Fig. 3;
- III) Species 3 of Fig. 4;
- IV) Species 4 of Figs. 5 and 6;
- V) Species 5 of Fig. 7.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants elect Species 4 of Fig. 5 and 6 claimed in claims 1-3. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is generic.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 1-3 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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